APPOMATTOX COUNTY EXTENSION UNIT PRESENTS BOOKS TO COUNTY LIBRARY

Miss Pat Hudson and Miss Claudette Smith, Extension Agents, are shown presenting two books on the "Battles of the Civil War," to Mrs. Margaret Glover, County Librarian.

The Appomattox County Extension Staff is most grateful to the **Progressive Farmer** for making available these books. We are also encouraging you to read the review by Dr. James I. Robertson, Jr. which is also printed in this week's **Times Virginian.**

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Lithograph depictions of the American Civil War exist in abundance, but no collection quite equals the thirty-six battle scenes bearing the imprimatur of Kurz and Allison. Their prints remain as rich in detail as they are in monetary value.

Louis Kurz emigrated to America from Germany in the late 1840's and settled in Milwaukee. In 1861 - 1862 he served as a lieutenant of a Wisconsin company in the first U. S. Sharpshooters. Then, according to legend, Abraham Lincoln summoned him because of Kurzs known genius at lithography. The President ordered him to visit a number of Civil War battle sites and to prepare drawings of the engagements as Kurz envisioned them.

That the artist possessed strong imagination as well as deep talent is evident from the sketches and stone lithographs that he produced. Knowledgeable students of the Civil War can detect errors in dress, troop disposition and terrain with relative ease. Yet such slips are minor when compared to the overall, finished drawings. Massivé in size (the original lithographs measured 22 by 28 inches) and amazingly detailed (even to the wrinkles in trousers), the reproductions have always been in a qualitative class by themselves.

In 1879, Kurz joined with engraver Alexander Allison to form a Chicago lithographic firm specializing in American battle scenes. Depictions of battles in the American Revolution, War of 1812 and Mexican War enjoyed healthy sales; but the Kurz and Allison lithographs of Civil War engagements sold in record numbers, largely because thousands of Billy Yanks and Johnny Rebs who had particiipated in those battles still lived and still remembered. By the time Kurz died in 1921, his name stood among the foremost contributors in American lithography.

The republication now of those thirty-six engravings is an enrichment in several ways. This is the first time in almost a century that the entire collection has been published intact. The lithographs are reproduced close to their original size. The detail and color tones in this edition are second only to the original drawings. In addition, the lithographs create anew much of the drama, color and excitement that marked the Civil War. Modern-day narrations accompanying each drawing provide facts that harmonize well with a now-lost art in the field of illustrations.

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Few works in American history deserve the title "classic." This one does, for reasons that become obvious as one turns the pages.

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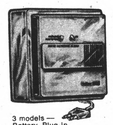

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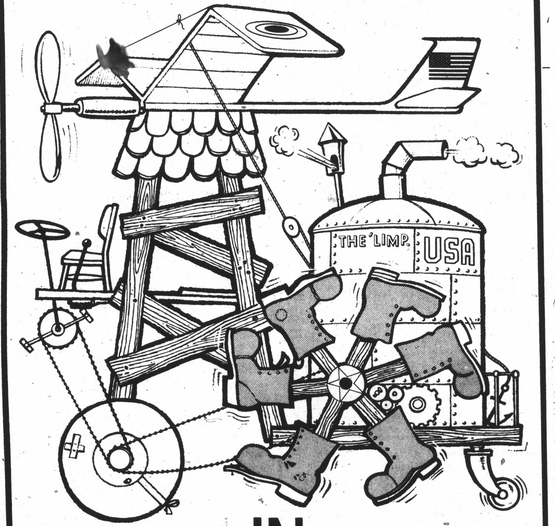

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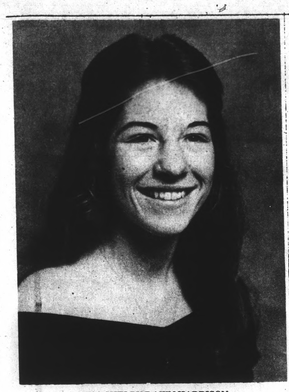

MISS SHELBY DAWN HARRISON

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Whitmore Harrison of Rustburg announce the engagement of their daughter, Shelby Dawn, to Allen Curtis Litchford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Douglas Litchford of Appomattox.

Miss Harrison is a senior at Rustburg High School and is employed at Pearson's Drug of Lynchburg.

Mr. Litchford is a graduate of Appomattox High School and is employed at Thomasville Furniture in Appomattox.

Miss Harrison is the granddaughter of Mrs. George W. Page and the late Mr. Page of Appomattox.

No date has been set for the wedding.

MR. AND MRS. RAY HUDSON

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On Saturday, December 24, 1977, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hudson celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary with an Open House at their home.

Hosts for the happy occasion were their sons, daughter-in-laws, and Miss Carol Beaty.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson were married December 24, 1952 at Vera.

What Is Alcohol? Who Uses It?

Alcohol, the major active ingredient in wine, beer, and distilled liquor, is a natural substance formed by the reaction of fermenting sugar with yeast spores. There are many alcohols, but the kind in alcoholic beverages is ethyl alcohol—a colorless, inflammable liquid with an intoxicating effect.

Ethyl alcohol is a drug which can produce feelings of well-being, sedation, intoxication, or unconsciousness—depending on the amount and the manner in which it is drunk. Technically, it can also be classified as a food, since it contains calories; however, it has no nutritional value.

Various alcoholic beverages are produced by using different sources of sugar for fermentation. For instance, beer is made from germinated or malted barley, wine from grapes or berries, whiskey from malted grains, and rum from molasses. Hard liquors—such as whiskey, gin, and vodka—are produced by distillation, which further concentrates the alcohol resulting from fermentation.

Alcohol Content of Typical Alcoholic Beverages

Beer	4%
Dinner wine	10-12%
Fortified wine	17-20%
Distilled liquor	40-50%

Each fluid ounce of 100 percent alcohol contains about 200 calories, although the alcoholic beverages and drinks derived from them vary widely. About the same alcoholic content, one-half ounce of pure alcohol, is found in:

- a 12-ounce can of beer
- a 5-ounce glass of dinner wine
- a cocktail containing 1½ ounces of 86-proof liquor

As far back as historical records go, beverages containing alcohol have been made and used by people. Such beverages are part of the cultures of people throughout the world.

Two-thirds of the adult population in the United States drink at least occasionally, while one-third do not drink at all. Among the youth of this country, a recent survey found that most American adolescents have had at least some experience with alcoholic beverages. Almost 80 percent have had at least one drink; about 74 percent have had at least two or three drinks; and over one-half of all adolescents drink at least once a month.

If you would like to receive information and materials on different aspects of alcohol use, write to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, P.O. Box 2345, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Society News

Those visiting Mrs. S. J. Evans over the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Evans and daughter, Judy, and Jeff Kamp of Union, New Jersey; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Evans of Hyattsville, Maryland; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley C. Newcomb, Cindy and Scotty of Poquoson; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Almond and Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Almond and son, Mike, of Madison Heights.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strout and Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Brown of Virginia Beach, visited Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hall, during the holidays. Mr. Strout is serving with NATO in Norfolk until April when he and Mrs. Strout will return to England and retire from the British Royal Navy. Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Mason Paulett of Charlottesville and Mr. and Mrs. Carol Bowen and sons, Tim and Chuck of Chester.

The Strouts also visited Mr. Brown's mother, Mrs. Charles Russell Brown, of Gladstone.

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Teresa Cyrus and Robin Tomlin spent their Christmas holidays with their families and left Dec. 30th to spend their remaining holidays in the Bahamas before returning to James Madison University.

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MISS SHEILA CAROL TORRENCE

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. H. Elliott Torrence of Appomattox announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheila Carol, to Mike Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald W. Lewis of Appomattox.

Miss Torrence graduated from Appomattox County High School in 1976. She will graduate from Central Virginia Community College in June with an A.A.S. in Data Processing.

Mr. Lewis is also a 1976 graduate of Appomattox County High School.

He is employed at The Times-Virginian Printing Corporation.

An August wedding is planned.

Teaching Mothers How To Mother

While most "do-it-yourself kits" come with detailed instructions, parenthood does not. And, although child rearing may depend in part on good intuition, it appears from research at the Institute for Development of Human Resources, University of Florida, that parental intuition can be given a substantial boost by well-timed training.

The study, sponsored in part by the National Institute of Mental Health, has found that young parents are more and more interested in books on basic child development. Dr. Ira Gordon, who directs the research, attributes this to various factors. One is the fact that more and more young people no longer live near their own parents, who, presumably, could tell them something about child care. Also, many young parents have never handled infants before having their own. Given such isolation and inexperience, they turn to the professional for guidance.

Visits to the homes of the families taking part in the program showed that, in general, mothers were taking care of the baby's physical needs, but usually did not talk to or play with the baby, and did not praise his or her accomplishments. In the project, mothers were taught how to catch and hold their babies' attention and to encourage the infants to talk and engage in physical activity. At the same time they learned to cuddle and comfort them when needed

Gordon points out that the parent must realize that child care cannot be separated from child development. "This means," he said, "that while you are changing a diaper, for example, you have an opportunity to look at your child's face and smile. While you are feeding the child, you can talk. These are not simply physical care times, they are also learning times."

For a copy of a report on the Teaching Mothers How To Mother project, write to Public Inquiries, National Institute of Mental Health, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Md. 20857.

Society News

Mr. Taylor Matthews and Inez Burge of Culpeper visited in the home of Mrs. S. J. Evans on Christmas Day.

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John MacKenzie, son of Douglas Mackenzie, is returning to his home in East Lansing, Mich., after spending some time with his grandmother, Mrs. Twyman Williams.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler spent several days last week with their son, David, at Ft. Huachuca, Arizona. They also visited Tombstone, Tucson and Mexico.

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Tommy Wheeler returned to VPI & SU Tuesday after spending the Christmas Holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler.

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Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Gordon, Miss Holly Foster and Mrs. Helen Foster of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler and Mrs. Gay Scheffler.

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MISS PATRICIA BURTON DURHAM

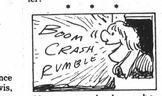
Engagement Announced

Mrs. Mary L. Durham and Mr. Arthur B. Durham, both of Lynchburg, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Burton, to Alton Eugene Lucado, Jr., son of Alton Eugene Lucado, Sr. and Mrs. Jean Brown, all of Appomattox.

Miss Durham is a graduate from Brookville High Schobl and is attending Central Virginia Community College.

Mr. Lucado is a graduate from Appomattox High School and is employed by Limitorque.

A July wedding is planned.



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"Man is the only animal that eats his friends."
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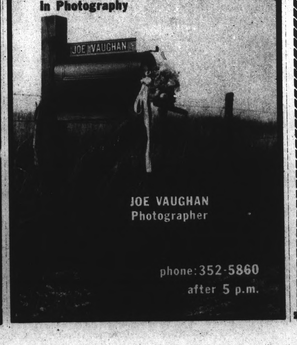

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